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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS, NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND
INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY COMMITTEE**

**SUBJECT: Proposed "National Policy for Granting Access to U.S.
Classified Cryptographic Information" -- ACTION
MEMORANDUM**

1. As directed by the Acting Chairman during the 17 February Committee meeting, the enclosed subject policy proposal is provided for vote by the membership. This version of the policy reflects changes which the members indicated as being acceptable. Please return the accompanying vote sheet (Enclosure 3) to the NTISSC Secretariat by 24 March 1988.

2. For your convenience, a summary of the changes is at Enclosure 1; changes are highlighted by an asterisk (*) in the right hand margin of the draft.

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cc: Observers to the NTISSC

NATIONAL POLICY FOR GRANTING ACCESS
TO U.S. CLASSIFIED CRYPTOGRAPHIC
INFORMATION

SECTION I - POLICY

1. Certain U.S. classified cryptographic information, the loss of which could cause serious or exceptionally grave damage to U.S. national security, requires special access controls. Accordingly, this policy establishes a formal cryptographic access program whereby access to certain U.S. classified cryptographic information shall only be granted to individuals who satisfy the criteria set forth herein.

SECTION II - DEFINITION

2. As used in this policy, U.S. classified cryptographic information is defined as:

a. TOP SECRET and SECRET, CRYPTO designated, key and authenticators.

b. All cryptographic media which embody, describe, or implement classified cryptographic logic; this includes full maintenance manuals, cryptographic descriptions, drawings of cryptographic logics, specifications describing a cryptographic logic, cryptographic computer software, or any other media which may be specifically identified by the National Telecommunications and Information Systems Security Committee (NTISSC).

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SECTION III - CRITERIA

3. An individual may be granted access to U.S. classified cryptographic information, only if that individual:

a. Is a U.S. citizen;

b. Is an employee of the U.S. Government, is a U.S. Government contractor or employee of such contractor, or is employed as a U.S. Government representative (including consultants of the U.S. Government);

c. Requires access to perform official duties for, or on behalf of, the U.S. Government;

d. Possesses a security clearance appropriate to the classification of the U.S. cryptographic information to be accessed;

e. Possesses a valid need-to-know for the information;

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

1. Second paragraph of the FOREWORD -- in the second sentence (third line), the phrase "...polygraph need not..." now reads "polygraph is not intended to...". Also, the last sentence of this paragraph which read "Rather, it is intended that each department and agency utilize the potential deterrent factor of the polygraph as it deems necessary and at its own discretion" has been deleted.

2. First page of the policy, SECTION II - DEFINITION, the last line of paragraph 2.b. -- "National Manager" has been replaced with "National Telecommunications and Information Systems Security Committee (NTISSC)".

3. Page 2 of the policy, paragraph 3.h.:

a. (First line) the words "Voluntarily consents to..." have been replaced by "Acknowledges that he/she may...";

b. Additionally, the words "which shall be" that previously appeared on line three of paragraph 3.h. between the words "examination" and "administered", have been stricken.

c. The last sentence of this paragraph ("The examining official shall only select questions which concern espionage, sabotage, or questions which relate to the unauthorized disclosure of U.S. classified cryptographic information.") has been deleted.

4. Page 3 of the policy, paragraph 6.e. has been deleted. (Paragraph read: "Accept, as valid, Cryptographic Access Certificates granted by other federal departments and agencies.")

As a result, subparagraph f. is now subparagraph e.

5. Annex A, page A-1, fifth paragraph -- in the first sentence (second line) the phrase "...you must voluntarily consent to...", now reads: "...you must acknowledge the possibility that you may...".

6. Annex A, page A-2, first paragraph -- in the first sentence (first line) the phrase "...to be subject to...", now reads: "to accept the possibility of being subject to...". Additionally, in the second sentence (line six), the words "a consent" have been replaced with the words "an acknowledgement".

7. Annex B, page B-1, paragraph b. -- fourth sentence (lines 10 and 11), the phrase "I voluntarily consent to..." now reads: "I acknowledge that I may...".

Enclosure 1